

*TOWN OF BRAINTREE*

*IN COUNCIL*

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January 24, 2008

INTRODUCED: MAYOR

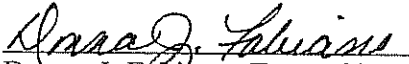
HIS HONOR, MAYOR SULLIVAN HAS SUBMITTED TO THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE THAT A NEW ORDINANCE, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2-100 TOWN ELECTIONS BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE TOWN'S MUNICIPAL CODE

Be it Ordained in Council – March 18, 2008

Presented to Mayor – March 19, 2008

A True Copy. Attest:

  
Donna J. Fabiano, Town Clerk

20 Feb  
Approved March 19, 2008  
Date

  
Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor

YEAS: Bowes, Clifford, DeNapoli, Dingee, Joyce, Kokoros  
Mullaney, Randolph, Ryan

NAYS: Bowes, Clifford, DeNapoli, Dingee, Joyce, Kokoros  
Mullaney, Randolph, Ryan

ABSENT: Joyce, Kokoros

## **Chapter 2-100**

### **TOWN ELECTIONS**

**(See Charter Article 7 –Elections and Election Related Matters  
and Article 9, Section 9-5 for other provisions pertaining to elections)**

#### **SECTION 2.100.010 Officers to be Elected**

The offices to be filled by the voters shall be a Mayor, Town Council, School Committee, Thayer Public Library Board of Trustees, Braintree Electric Light Board, and Braintree Housing Authority.

#### **SECTION 2.100.020 Eligibility for Elective Office**

Subject to the provisions of Charter Sections 2-1, 2-3, 3-1, 4-1 and 4-3 any voter shall be eligible to hold any elective Town Office.

#### **SECTION 2.100.030 Date of Town Election, Preliminary Election**

The regular Town election shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each odd numbered year.

A preliminary election for the purpose of nominating mayoral candidates shall be held on the third Tuesday in September in every other odd-numbered year, but the Town Clerk may, with the approval of the Town Council, reschedule this election to the fourth Tuesday to avoid a conflict with any civil or religious holiday. Whenever a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of mayor is to be held, a preliminary election shall be conducted 35 days preceding the date established for the special election.

#### **SECTION 2.100.040 Hours Polls Are to Be Open**

The polls shall be opened for all elections not later than seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.) and shall close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.) This section shall also apply to all elections and primaries, unless otherwise provided by law. (Prior code § 41-2)

#### **SECTION 2.100.050 Terms of Office**

The term of office for all members of the Town Council shall be for two (2) years beginning on the first business day in January following the election and continuing until their successors are qualified. The term of office of the Mayor shall be for four years beginning on the first business day in January following the election and continuing until his or her successor is qualified.

Subject to the provisions of Section 9-5(b) of the Charter, the term of office for the School Committee, Thayer Public Library Board of Trustees, Braintree Electric Light Board, and Braintree Housing Authority members shall be for four (4) years each beginning on the first business day of January in the year following their election, and until their successors have been qualified.

**SECTION 2.100.060 Annual Reports**

All reports required by Section 8-14 or other sections of the charter to be included in the Annual Town Report shall be submitted to the Mayor on or before the 15th of January. These reports shall be in such form as the Mayor shall prescribe. (ATM 5-5-2003 Art. 15; prior code § 43-1)

**SECTION 2.100.070 Publication of reports.**

As required by Section 8-14 of the Charter, the Mayor shall cause to be printed and distributed the reports of the various town officers, boards and committees and shall cause copies of such report to be distributed to each registered voter of the town who shall apply therefor at the office of the Mayor. (Prior code § 43-2)